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PRODUCTION OF PYRAZINAMIDE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Pyrazinamide in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total annual demand thereof;

(c) the cost of production and market price of the said product;

(d) whether the sale price of this drug has been fixed;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether there is any shortage of the said medicine; and
(g) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of said medicine?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Pyrazinamide is largely produced by units in the small scale sector, whose production is not monitored by this Department. To the extent information is available, the production of the organised sector units during the last three years has been as under:

Year	Prodn. Qty. (Tonnes)
1998-99	1.25
1999-2000	0.01
2000-2001 (April-Dec.2000)	Nil

(b) The Working Group on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals for the Ninth Five Year Plan has estimated the demand for Pyrazinamide for the last three years to be as follows:

Year	Demand (Tonnes)
1998-1999	333
1999-2000	366
2000-2001	403

(c), (d) & (e) : Pyrazinamide is a non-scheduled bulk drug as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995. However, its market price is reported to be around Rs.1800.00 per kg.

(f) & (g) : No shortage of this drug has been reported.